

Justice Reinvestment Local Government Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 3, 2023
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Virtual Meeting Access - meet.google.com/twk-ykdt-ics

Attendees:

- Allegany County, Capt. Daniel Lasher
- Anne Arundel County, Michael Borgese
- Baltimore City, Director Shantay Jackson
- Baltimore County, Director Walt Pesterfield
- Calvert County, Captain Timothy Fridman
- Caroline County, Warden Chester Scott
- Carroll County, Major Dennis Hammon
- Cecil County, Lieutenant William Jolly
- Dorchester County, Director Kenneth Rodgers
- Garrett County, Christian Mash Esq.
- Harford County, Captain Wayne Rumsey
- Howard County, Alaina Elam
- Prince George's County, Director Coremne Labbé
- Queen Anne's County, Warden LaMonte Cooke
- St. Mary's County, Warden Mary Ann Thompson
- Somerset County, Sheriff Ronnie Howard
- Talbot County, Chairman Corey Pack
- Washington County, Maylon Campher
- Wicomico County, Jaime Riley

Minutes:

- Welcome and Opening Remarks Chairman Corey Pack, Local Government Commission
- Meeting Goals and Objectives

- o GOCPYVS Updates
 - Residential Substance Use Treatment Grant Program (RSAT) Overview- Brianna McMahon, GOCPYVS
 - The goal of RSAT to assist state and local government agencies in the development and implementation of substance use disorder treatment programs for pre-trial defendants, individuals in correctional and detention facilities, and citizens in need of post-incarceration treatment and community reintegration assistance. The grant awards about \$1.2 million; with the minimum award at \$50k and the max at \$300k (anticipates up to 10 awards).
 - Eligibility requires applicants to be part of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Local Detention Centers, or Nonprofit organizations (reentry services only).
 - The application deadline is June 9th and the anticipated period of performance from October 1, 2023-September 30, 3024. We anticipate letters of acceptance out in August and award details out in September.
 - Performance Incentive Grant Fund (PIGF) Updates Carly Seidman, Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth and Victim Services (GOCPYVS)
 - FY23 PIGF Q3 Reports (See slides for more information)
 - There were 22 Awardees total. In Quarter 3, there was \$3 million dollars requested (37%), leaving \$6 million dollars remaining (63%). We are hoping to see more requested money and more updates in Quarter 4.
 - FY24 PIGF Grantee Overview
 - NOFA was released early February with \$7.9 million available. So far, the application is closed with 58 Applicants in total. The total funds requested equals \$20.1 million dollars.
 The number of awardees is to be determined.
- Prince George's County Reentry Advisory Council- BJ Paige, Returning Citizen Affairs Division
 - Returning Citizens Affairs Division (RCAD)
 - RCAD was created to provide countywide coordination and oversight for Prince George's County's network of services for returning citizens. The board was drafted from the county counsel, and is made up of high level, family services members, community based organizations, nonprofits, and returning citizens. The PG Reentry Advisory Board recommended focusing on policy, housing, county resources, community engagement, and resource cultivation.
 - Strategies (*See slides for more information*)
 - The first strategy is to enhance the operational efficiency of systems that serve citizens returning to the County from periods of

incarceration in local, state and federal facilities. The second strategy is to establish relationships with nonprofit and faith-based organizations who provide services to returning citizens. The third strategy is to build partnerships with County, State and Federal agencies to ensure that returning citizens have access to the public. The last strategy is to develop a continuous system of community engagement including returning citizens as well as the community at-large.

■ Prince George's County Reentry Process

- Incarceration Pre-release (difficult due to technology) Planning, programming, release planning and assessment(s) (full mental assessment).
- Post Release (ecosystem set-up with an approach team) Assessment(s), referral(s), connection with service providers, and ongoing support.
- Pre-release Planning (*See slides for more information*) The reentry process should begin prior to release from incarceration. The planning process is facilitated by engaging with the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to identify needs of the individual. All reentry aspects are to be completed in one location, Bridge Center at Adam's House (HUB).
- Post Release Planning (Collaborative approach) Includes a report to Bridge Center, a needs assessment, a referral to Social Services provider, a referral to support groups in the area, and a follow through (help the next person).
- Prince George's County Reentry Ecosystem (See slides for more information) - Includes planning, service delivery (making sure everyone is getting promised features), and system connections and support.

■ Q & A

- How many returning citizens in the first year? There were 100 local and state facilities. Originally, individuals were only eligible for the program if they are coming home to Prince George's. Now open to more people as long as they are incarcerated in Prince George's.
- How do you determine what is considered a returning citizen?
 Returning citizens are anyone who has spent more than 2 days incarcerated.
- What is the biggest struggle you have encountered so far? The biggest hurdle is getting people to trust the programs. Having the building not be on a government property helps. Off site buildings are less daunting.

0	Next Local Government Commission Meeting will be in August or September. We are waiting for other boards to be created before more progress is made.